(i) Too much Government control and consequently lack of members participation.

(ii) Structural inadequacies, absence of affective purchase policy and inventory management as well as absence of professional management; and

(iii) Restoration of Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the development of consumer cooperatives in the country.

The Report on the Expert Committee is at examination stage.

Mismanagement in Super Bazar

6721. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to Governments notice that the management of Super Bazar has failed to function on Sound administrative and financial parameters;

(b) if so, the details of the mismanagement which came to Governments notice;

(c) whether Government propose to appoint a committee to go into the working of Super Bazar and make it accountable in its functioning to Government and Parliament; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No, Sir. Super Bazar has improved its sales turnover and financial position during the last few years. Its sales has increased from 9784.01 lakhs in 1991-92 to Rs. 11520.34 lakhs in 1993-94 and its net profit has increased from Rs. 9.33 lakhs in 1991-92 to Rs. 41.65 lakhs in 1993-94.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Allowance introduced by Super Bazar after formation of National Industrial Tribunal

6722. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the allowances introduced or revised by Super Bazar for its employees after formation of the National Industrial Tribunal on the same line as in Kendriya Bhandar giving details for each category.

(b) whether permission of the Tribunal was obtained while revising the allowances;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) which are the categories deprived of benefits of such revision and whether any representations were received from the employees or their unions; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar are two different cooperative societies registered under the Delhi Cooperative Societies Act and do not come under the jurisdiction of the National Industrial Tribunal.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Protecting rural consumers against Misleading packets

6723. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision to protect the rural consumers against the sale of consumer goods in misleading packets by big companies under the revised rules;